



## **Kansas State-Mandated Informed Consent for Abortion**

State-sponsored materials available at <http://www.womansrighttoknow.org/>

### **Section A**

- 1)
  - a) Dr. Phifer may be prescribing for and managing your medication abortion.
  - b) They received their medical degree in 2011.
  - c) They began their employment with AOD on April 16 2021.
  - d) Disciplinary action taken against this physician by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts?  
 YES  NO
  - e) This physician maintains malpractice insurance?  
 YES  NO
  - f) This physician has clinical privileges within 30 miles of where the abortion will be performed?  
 YES  NO
  - g) This physician has never lost clinical privileges for any reason.
  - h) Is this physician a resident of the State of Kansas  
 YES  NO
  
  - i) Dr. Pfeifer may be prescribing for and managing your medication abortion.
  - i) They received their medical degree in 1997.
  - j) They began their employment with AOD on January 24, 2023.
  - k) Disciplinary action taken against this physician by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts?  
 YES  NO
  - l) This physician maintains malpractice insurance?  
 YES  NO
  - m) This physician has clinical privileges within 30 miles of where the abortion will be performed?  
 YES  NO
  - n) This physician has never lost clinical privileges for any reason.
  - o) Is this physician a resident of the State of Kansas  
 YES  NO
  
- 2) Abortion On Demand offers only medication abortion in the first trimester of pregnancy. The medication abortion requires using pills at home to cause a miscarriage and follow-up assessment. Abortion On Demand's follow-up assessments are by text-based survey. Abortions can also be performed by a procedure for which you would need to contact an in-person provider. For the procedural abortion, a small plastic tube is inserted



into the uterus and suction is used to remove the pregnancy. In later pregnancies, dilating rods or additional medications may be used to open the cervix prior to the procedure.

- 3) Medication abortion by telehealth is very safe, more than 10x safer than a term delivery. Rare but serious risks include undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy, hemorrhage, death and infection. There is an approximately 2-3% chance that the medications are ineffective, which would require that you have a procedure to complete the abortion.
- 4) The State of Kansas requires that we inform you in writing of the risk that abortion may increase risk of premature birth in future pregnancies. For 1st trimester medication abortion this risk is 0%, in other words it is *not* a risk associated with medication abortion. The State of Kansas also requires that we inform you in writing of the risk of breast cancer in association with abortion. This risk is also 0%. Abortion is *not* associated with increased risk of breast cancer.
- 5) We estimate the gestational age of the pregnancy from your last menstrual period. State-provided information about fetal by gestational age is included in your packet. Kansas law requires the following: "No person shall perform or induce an abortion when the unborn child is viable unless such person is a physician and has a documented referral from another physician not financially associated with the physician performing or inducing the abortion and both physicians determine that: (1) The abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the pregnant woman; or (2) a continuation of the pregnancy will cause a substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman." Abortion On Demand does not perform post-viability abortion, but we are required by Kansas law to inform you that it is the physician's legal obligation to take necessary steps to maintain the health and life of a child born alive as a result of abortion.
- 6) The contact information for counseling assistance for medically challenging pregnancies, the contact information for perinatal hospice services and a listing of websites for national perinatal assistance, including information regarding which entities provide such services free of charge are available with the materials provided with your digital packet and online at the link above.
- 7) Pregnancy, whatever its outcome, involves potential risks. Carrying a pregnancy to full term is about 10 to 15 times *more* risky than having an early abortion. Both abortion and full term pregnancy *may have* negative medical or psychological effects which can not be predicted. Potential problems could include infection, heavy bleeding or clots in the uterus needing removal, damage to the cervix, vagina, uterus, or other organs requiring hospitalization, additional surgery or death. For medication abortion these risks are extremely low.

## Section B

- 1) Medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care, childbirth and neonatal care; more detailed information on the availability of such assistance is contained in the materials in your packet and at the link above. The State of Kansas has created materials describing fetal development, fetal pain and social services agencies that offer alternatives to abortion. Contact information for anti-abortion facilities providing free ultrasounds are also included in these materials as well as a section listing adoption



services. These materials are available online and in print form; they are included with your digital packet and at the link above

- 2) The person involved in this pregnancy is responsible financially to help you if you choose to continue the pregnancy, even if they offered to pay for the abortion.
- 3) You cannot be forced to have an abortion. Only you can make this decision. The alternatives are to continue the pregnancy and parent or to make an adoption plan. You are free to withhold or withdraw your consent to abortion at any time prior to taking the medications. This will not affect your right to future care or treatment nor will it affect your ability to access state or federally-funded benefits to which you might otherwise be entitled.
- 4) The State of Kansas requires we provide to you in writing that “the abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being” regardless of whether your pregnancy is viable or desired.
- 5) The State of Kansas requires we inform you in writing that “by no later than 20 weeks from fertilization, the unborn child has the physical structures necessary to experience pain. There is evidence that by 20 weeks from fertilization unborn children seek to evade certain stimuli in a manner that in an infant or an adult would be interpreted to be a response to pain. Anesthesia is routinely administered to unborn children who are 20 weeks from fertilization or older who undergo prenatal surgery.”

Our pharmacy partner will not receive the physician’s order until 24 hours after your consultation. Should you opt not to pursue medication abortion between now and the end of the 24 hour state-mandated waiting period, please call 425-200-4419 to cancel the prescription.

Payment for abortion services is not *required* prior to the completion of the 24 hour waiting period. However delaying payment until after this period may delay shipment of medications.